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Honorable W. Sterling Cole  
Chairman  
Joint Committee on Atomic Energy  
Congress of the United States

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
BY: L. Strauss  
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Dear Mr. Cole:

By letter dated January 15, 1953, the Commission informed the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy of our intention to conduct a six shot overseas test program early in 1954. Since that time the thinking of the Commission has undergone a slight change and it is now planned to detonate seven shots for CASTLE with the starting date scheduled to be March 1, 1954.

CASTLE as planned embraces both short-term and long-term goals of the thermonuclear program.



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Attached is a more detailed description of the respective weapons and devices to be tested at CASTLE.

You will be kept informed of pertinent matters pertaining to the CASTLE program as it proceeds into its final phases of preparation.

Sincerely yours,

Includes 2-page enclosure.

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Description of Items to be tested

Lewis L. Strauss  
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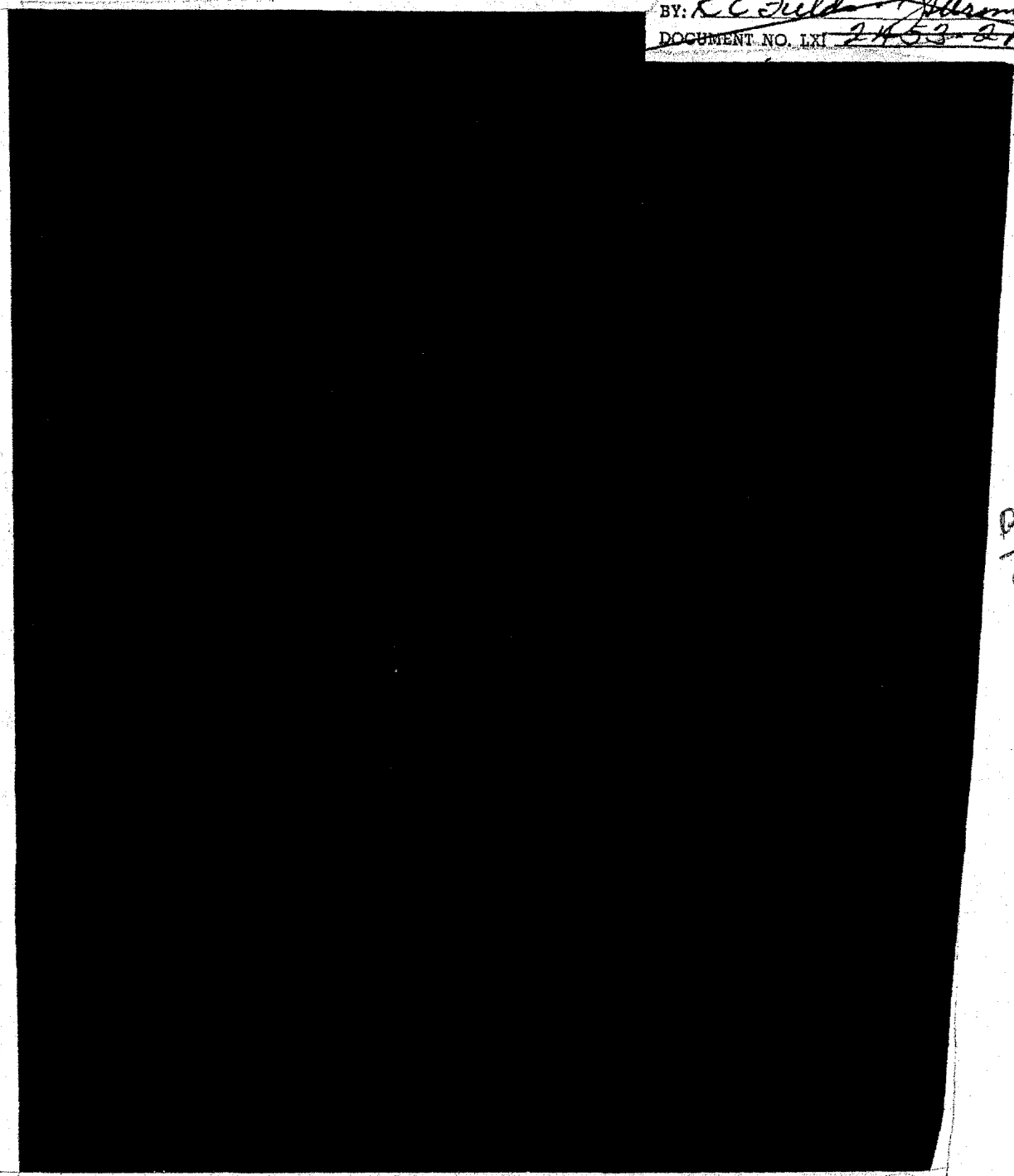
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DESCRIPTION OF THERMONUCLEAR WEAPON PROTOTYPES  
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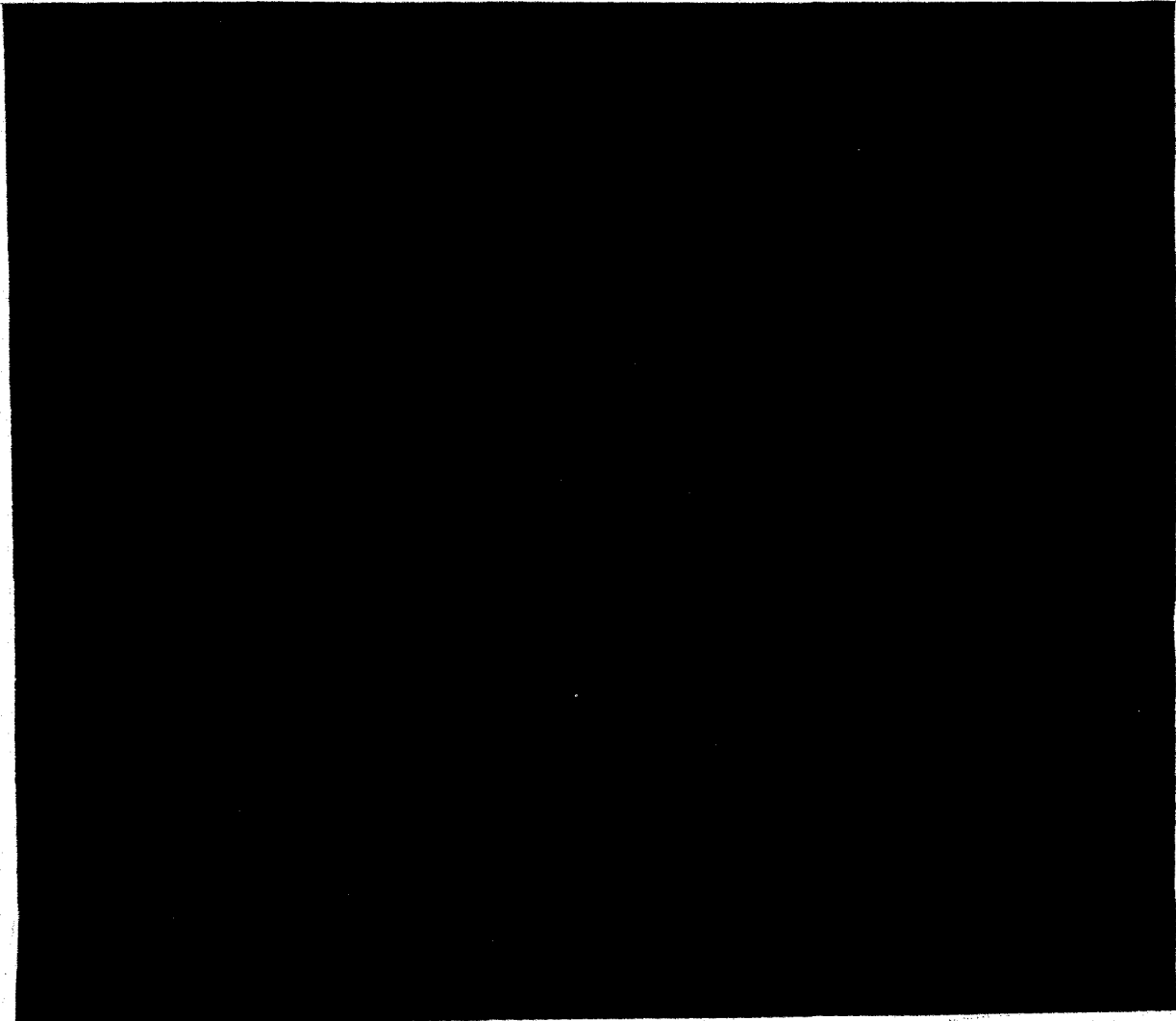
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